

**FILE****BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application )  
 of Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC for )  
 a Certificate to Install Numerous )  
 Electricity Generating Wind Turbines in )  
 Crawford and Richland Counties, Ohio )

Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN

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Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC ("Black Fork" or "the Applicant") hereby gives notice that it has submitted to the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board information regarding the location of proposed meteorological towers and population estimates through 2021. The Applicant initially sought waivers from Rules 4906-17-05(B)(2)(i) and 4906-17-08(A)(1) regarding this information. After discussion with the Staff and agreement between the parties, the Applicant submitted a response brief on April 21, 2011 committing to provide the location of the meteorological towers and the 2021 population estimate information prior to the end of the completeness review period. To that end, the Applicant has submitted to the Staff a project layout map showing the location of three proposed permanent meteorological towers and population estimates for counties, townships, cities and villages through 2021. A copy of the Applicant's correspondence to the Staff along with a copy of the layout map and population information is attached hereto.

Accordingly, with the submittal of the information and as stated in the Applicant's April 21, 2011 response brief, the Applicant withdraws its request for wavier from

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Rule 4906-17-05(B)(2)(i) and Rule 4906-17-08(A)(1).

Respectfully submitted,



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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the following persons via electronic mail and U.S. Mail this 28th day of April 2011:

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Re: Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN  
Black Fork Wind Energy Project

Dear Mr. Pawley:

Please find enclosed a facility layout map for the Black Fork Wind Energy Project identifying the location of three proposed permanent meteorological towers. Along with the map, we are also providing to you a disc with the updated mapping data reflecting the addition of the meteorological towers. Lastly, we are also providing to you updated population estimates through 2021 for each county, township, city and village within five miles of the proposed project.

Please call me or Scott Hawken, the Black Fork Wind Energy Project manager, if you have any questions regarding the attached information.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Settineri

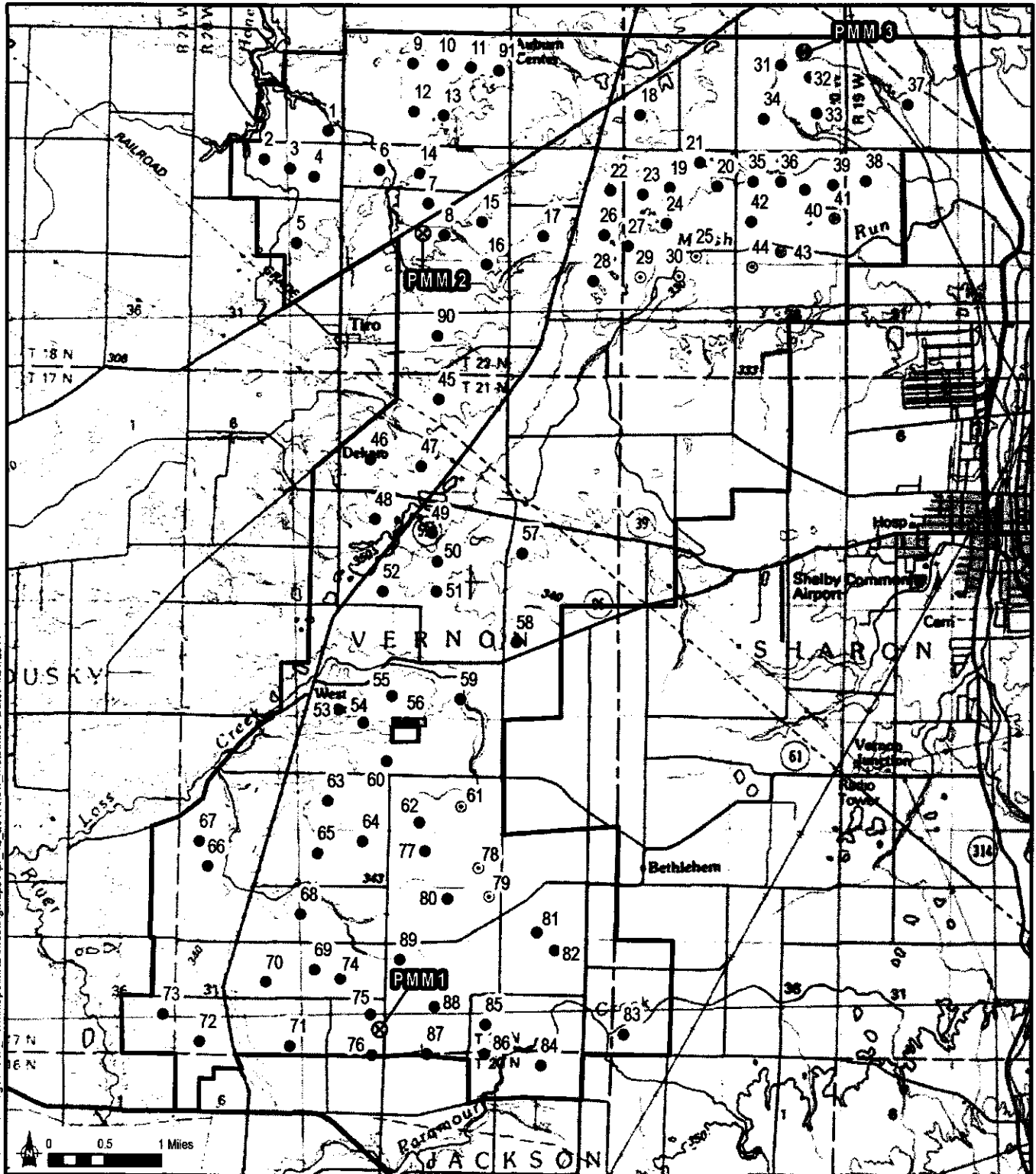
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Enclosures

cc: John Jones  
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- ⊗ Met Tower (04-11-11)
- Turbines (01-14-11)
- Vestas V100
  - V100 w/ 80 m Hub (130m tip height)
  - V100 w/ 95 m Hub (145m tip height)
- ▨ Project Area (Jan-03-2011)
- O&M Building (01-13-11)
- ▨ Switchyard (01-13-11)
- Substation (01-13-11)
- ▨ Laydown Yard & Batch Plant (01-13-11)

Permanent Met Towers  
 Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC  
 Crawford and Richland Counties, Ohio

# **Supplemental Population Information**

## **4906-17-08 Social and Ecological Data**

### **(A) Health and Safety**

#### **(1) Demographic**

The Generation Facility is located in Auburn, Jackson, Jefferson, Sandusky, and Vernon townships of Crawford County, Ohio and Plymouth and Sharon townships in Richland County. Additional jurisdictions located within a 5-mile radius of the proposed Project include the townships of villages of Plymouth, Shiloh, New Washington, Tiro, Ontario, and North Robinson and the cities of Crestline, Shelby, Mansfield, and Galion. Table 1 provides the U.S. Census population for 2010, and estimates for 2011, 2020, and 2021 for each county, township, city, and village that occurs within 5 miles of the proposed Project.

Population information for 2011 and projections for 2021 are not currently available, therefore to estimate 2011 and 2021 populations for the communities within a 5-mile radius, the annual growth rate, extrapolated from 2020 ODOD projected county populations was used. Because population projections, and therefore growth rates, are only available at the County level, township, village, and city populations were estimated for these governmental units by utilizing the estimated population change for their respective county (i.e., Crawford County was estimated to experience an increase in population from 2010 to 2020 of approximately 1.1%, which was applied to Auburn Township [ $795 * (1 + 0.011) = 804$ ]). The 10-year estimated population rates of change are 1.1%, for Crawford County, 6.4% for Huron County, 4.5% for Richland County and (-)4.4% for Seneca County.

**Table 1 Populations within a 5 Mile Radius of the Proposed Project**

<b>Governmental Unit</b>	<b>2010 Census Population<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2011 Population Estimate</b>	<b>2020 Population Projection<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2021 Population Projection Estimate</b>
<b>Crawford County</b>	<b>43,784</b>	<b>43,832</b>	<b>44,260</b>	<b>44,308</b>
Auburn Township	795	796	804	805
<i>Village of Tiro Portion</i>	280	280	283	283
Chatfield Township	724	725	732	733
Cranberry Township	1,579	1,581	1,596	1,598
<i>Village of New Washington Portion</i>	967	968	978	979
City of Crestline (Crawford Portion)	4,612	4,617	4,662	4,667
City of Galion (City Portion)	10,512	10,523	10,626	10,638
Jackson Township	381	381	385	386
Jefferson Township	1,576	1,578	1,593	1,595
<i>Village of North Robinson Portion</i>	205	205	207	207
Liberty Township	1,369	1,370	1,384	1,385
Polk Township	2,132	2,134	2,155	2,158

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Sandusky Township	459	459	464	464
Vernon Township	832	833	841	842
Whetstone Township	2,080	2,082	2,103	2,105
<b>Huron County</b>	<b>59,626</b>	<b>60,006</b>	<b>63,430</b>	<b>63,835</b>
New Haven Township	2,621	2,638	2,788	2,806
<i>Village of Plymouth Portion</i>	909	915	967	973
Richmond Township	1,102	1,109	1,172	1,180
Ripley Township	1,024	1,031	1,089	1,096
<b>Richland County</b>	<b>124,475</b>	<b>125,033</b>	<b>130,050</b>	<b>130,632</b>
Blooming Grove Township	1,204	1,209	1,258	1,264
Cass Township	1,647	1,654	1,721	1,728
<i>Village of Shiloh Portion</i>	649	652	678	681
Jackson Township	3,552	3,568	3,711	3,728
<i>City of Shelby Portion</i>	9,317	9,359	9,734	9,778
Plymouth Township	2,083	2,092	2,176	2,186
<i>Village of Plymouth Portion</i>	948	952	990	995
Sandusky Township	993	997	1,037	1,042
Sharon Township	9,125	9,166	9,534	9,576
Springfield Township	10,685	10,733	11,164	11,214
<b>Seneca County</b>	<b>56,745</b>	<b>56,497</b>	<b>54,260</b>	<b>54,022</b>
Venice Township	1,758	1,750	1,681	1,674

**Notes:**

1. Source: Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). 2011. 2010 Population Census Count by County, City, Village and Township. Available online at: <http://www.development.ohio.gov/research/documents/ALLSUBCOUNTY2010.pdf>. Accessed April 2011.
2. ODOD, Policy, Research and Strategic Planning Office. 2011. Ohio County Profiles. Available online at: <http://development.ohio.gov/research/files/s0.htm>. Accessed April 2011.